

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF CONFLUENCE RIVERS UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY, etc.

WM-2020-0403, VOL. I

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Rivers Utility Operating) File No. WM-2020-0403
Company, Inc., to Acquire)
Certain Water and Sewer)
Assets of Terre Du Lac)
Utilities Corporation)

PAUL GRAHAM, Presiding
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 JUDGE GRAHAM: Today's date is October
2 28th, 2020. The Commission has set this time for a
3 procedural conference in the case captioned as In the
4 Matter of the Application of Confluence Rivers Utility
5 Operating Company, Inc. to Acquire Certain Water and
6 Sewer Assets of Terre Du Lac Utilities Corporation.
7 The case file is WM-2020-0403, which was consolidated
8 with SM-2020-0402 by order of July 6th, 2020.

9 My name is Paul Graham. I'm the
10 Regulatory Law Judge in this matter. We'll go ahead
11 now that we've done our informal roll call and have
12 the attorneys make their formal entries of appearance.

13 Confluence Rivers, would you proceed with
14 your entry?

15 MS. HERNANDEZ: Good morning, Your Honor.
16 This is Jennifer Hernandez with the law firm of
17 Brydon, Swearngen and England. Our address is 312
18 East Capitol Avenue, mailing address PO Box 456,
19 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing on behalf of
20 Confluence Rivers Utility Operating Company.

21 JUDGE GRAHAM: Thank you.

22 Mr. Pendergast, would you like to go
23 ahead and make your entry?

24 MR. PENDERGAST: Michael C. Pendergast
25 appearing on behalf of Terre Du Lac Utilities. My

1 business address is 423 South Main Street,
2 St. Charles, Missouri 63301.

3 JUDGE GRAHAM: All right. Thank you.
4 And for the Staff of the Commission.

5 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, thank you, Judge.
6 Mark Johnson appearing on behalf of the Staff of the
7 Missouri Public Service Commission. Our business
8 address is 200 Madison Street, PO Box 360, Jefferson
9 City, Missouri 65102.

10 JUDGE GRAHAM: All right. And for the
11 Office of Public Counsel.

12 MR. HALL: Good morning again, Judge.
13 Caleb Hall appearing on behalf of the Office of Public
14 Counsel. Our office is located at 200 Madison Street,
15 PO Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

16 JUDGE GRAHAM: All right. Thank you very
17 much.

18 I did note that we received a filing
19 yesterday with respect to local public hearings. I
20 don't know that anything needs to be addressed with me
21 about that today. I have not had a chance to look at
22 it.

23 Are there any other preliminary matters
24 at this time that need to be taken up that would
25 involve me? Okay. I guess that was just noise.

1 MS. HERNANDEZ: I was just going to say,
2 Your Honor, this is Jennifer Hernandez. I don't
3 believe so -- anything that needs to be discussed on
4 the record.

5 JUDGE GRAHAM: All right. Any other
6 matters? Would anyone like to suggest to me when
7 they -- when I might be seeing a proposed procedural
8 order?

9 MR. HALL: Judge, this is Caleb Hall from
10 OPC. In actuality, the parties were on the cusp of
11 filing a procedural schedule yesterday, but due to
12 everyone's commitments, we just hadn't been able to
13 finalize it. We will certainly have a procedural
14 schedule by the end of this week.

15 JUDGE GRAHAM: Well, I don't know that we
16 need to hurry along that fast.

17 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Judge --

18 MR. JOHNSON: Judge, this is Mark
19 Johnson. I think Ms. Hernandez's office has got some
20 background noise that's coming through.

21 JUDGE GRAHAM: Well, I'm glad we know who
22 the culprit is.

23 MS. HERNANDEZ: Sorry. I'm on my
24 computer audio, so I don't know what's going on.

25 JUDGE GRAHAM: That's all right. Or it

1 could be me. I'm on a cell phone here.

2 All right. Well, it sounds like it got
3 taken care of there. Well, I was about to -- I was
4 just saying it looks like everything that needs me has
5 been wrapped up here and I'll just turn this over to
6 you folks and hang up. Anybody got anything they need
7 to say to me first or to each other with me first?

8 All right. Folks take it away.

9 I'll look forward to receiving the
10 procedural schedule. Thanks very much.

11 (Whereupon, the discovery conference was
12 concluded.)

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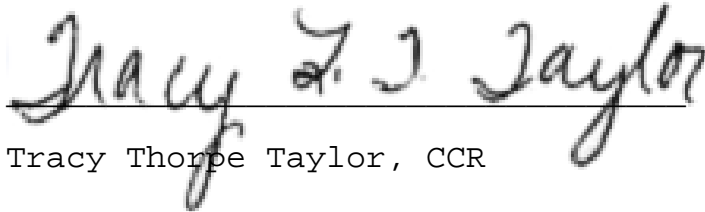
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